

## **Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) Program Plan Consultation – Engagement Insights**

To gain feedback from its stakeholders, MMSW conducted a number of in-person and virtual consultation sessions in June and July 2023.

- Regina, in-person: Tuesday, June 27
- Saskatoon, in-person: Wednesday, June 28
- Saskatoon, Advisory Committee in-person session: Wednesday, June 28
- Producers and Producer Associations, virtual: Tuesday, July 4
- Local Governments and Communities, virtual: Wednesday, July 5
- Waste Management Companies, virtual: Wednesday, July 5
- All Stakeholder Groups, virtual: Monday, July 10

In-person and virtual consultation sessions provided an opportunity for stakeholders to raise questions and offer feedback on the draft [Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Plan](#). The following represent major themes from discussions at these sessions.

### **Stakeholder Questions (Major Themes)**

Producers, local governments, environmental NGOs, waste companies and other stakeholders participated in sessions and raised a number of questions. A summary of specific questions (combined and paraphrased, where applicable) is available on the [consultation webpage](#). Topical themes include:

#### Transition Phases and Timelines

- Which communities will be included in Transition phases 1 and 2
- What role communities currently participating in the MMSW program might have in the new program
- Regional approaches and specific local programs (such as the treatment of community depots in cities with curbside and multi-family collection programs)

#### Collection

- Eligibility criteria to be used for determining curbside vs. depot collection.
- Communities with existing contracts and user fees raised questions about their continued involvement and implications for contractual relationships and fees
- How MMSW might provide coverage for the entire province
- The services agreement “offer” process

#### Post Collections

- MMSW's procurement process generated questions about existing facilities and community arrangements

#### Accepted Materials

- Details on the process for creating a common list of accepted materials across all of Saskatchewan
- Communications with residents (in support of participation) and education of producers (in support of innovation)

#### Producers

- Program administration and questions related to producer fees

#### **Stakeholder Feedback (Major Themes)**

Encouraged to identify keys to success, stakeholders shared the following:

- The importance of communication with all stakeholders through all phases of transition as well as commitment to ongoing communications to optimize recycling in Saskatchewan
- Maintaining a focus on environmental and financial benefits when communicating
- Involving partners and recognizing the role all stakeholders can play in future success
- Achieving fairness through consistency
- Recognizing jurisdiction and public perceptions (which may differ from who is actually responsible)
- Ensuring producer fees and collector incentives recognize market realities and encourage good environmental outcomes
- Avoiding disruption by maintaining a focus on a seamless transition

Consultation closes on August 13, 2023. All stakeholders are encouraged to share any questions or feedback that are not reflected in what MMSW has heard so far by emailing [info@multimaterialsw.ca](mailto:info@multimaterialsw.ca).